GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION
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Lift Irrigation Projects
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of irrigation projects particularly lift irrigation projects sanctioned/likely to be sanctioned in the country particularly in Bihar, State/UTwise;
(b) the average and total expenditure incurred on these projects so far;
(c) whether the Government is aware that some of the sanctioned projects are unable to start due to lack of electricity, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;
(d) whether the Government is aware of any new inventions of water pumps/ turbine to irrigate land without electricity and diesel; and
(e) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government to extend technical and financial help for the inventions?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION
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(a) & (b) Works related to water resources development & management are planned, funded, executed and maintained by the State Governments themselves as per their own resources and priorities. In order to supplement the efforts of the State Governments, Government of India provides technical and financial assistance to State Governments to encourage sustainable development and efficient management of water resources through various schemes and programmes such as Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) etc.

Ninety nine ongoing AIBP projects including Lift Irrigation Schemes have been prioritised for completion in phases by Dec., 2019 in consultation with states. The details of these 99 projects is at Annexure.
(c) No such information has been received in Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation. For lift irrigation schemes, availability of electricity is assured by the respective State Governments during the appraisal of Detailed Project Report (DPR).

(d) & (e) Ministry of Agriculture has framed some schemes under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojna (PMKSY) where provision has been made for financial support for Solar Pump sets for irrigation in agriculture sector.

Further, Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation through its Research & Development Programme in Water Sector provide financial assistance to the academic/research institutes for promoting research in water sector.

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